

REPLY

To the Editor

Following are the clarifications of Dr. Ravi Kumar's queries regarding our work on psoriasis published in March, April 96 issue of IJDVL.

1. Yes, PASI scoring could have been more revealing but even EST scoring had not hid much.
2. Our projections are based on our study and some how we did not encounter any serious side effects except for non response in a few patients and delayed response in 14.3%. Not only that, even now our patients, who are put on sulfasalazine do not report very many side effects (subjective or objective) except for nausea or mild burning at times at the site of lesions.
3. Probably the use of lower dosage in the present study was compensated by the use of topical steroids and salicylic acid. Moreover, even in experimental studies, patient's

maximum benefit should be kept in mind, we believe and that is why we used steroid and salicylic acid locally.

4. The reason of our summing up by way of "Further studies.....in psoriasis" coincides with the thinking of Dr. Ravi or like minded, who, we presume, in their next trial will use larger (appropriate) dosage without local steroids and salicylic acid with PASI scoring as the yardstick, credited by statistical formulae. We shall also be coming out with such a study soon.

Any way, we put on record our sincere thanks to Dr. Ravi for his critical comments on our article, the comments which have definitely made us wiser for further studies.

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